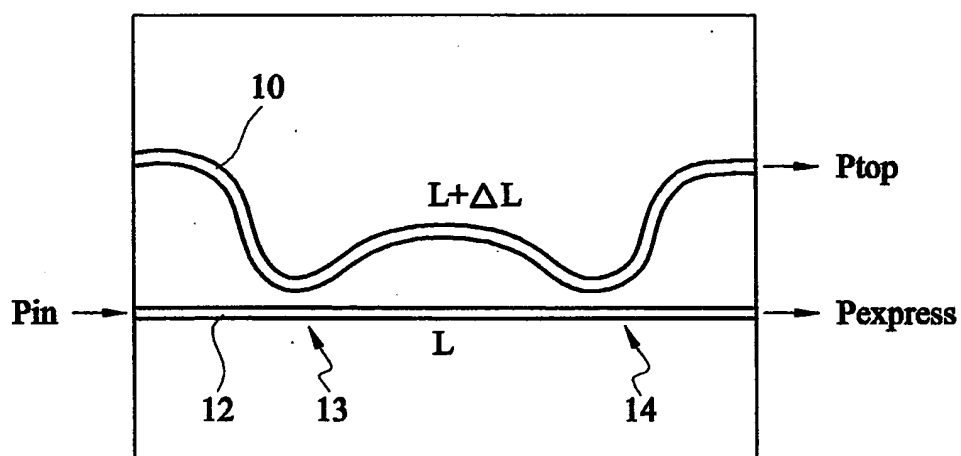
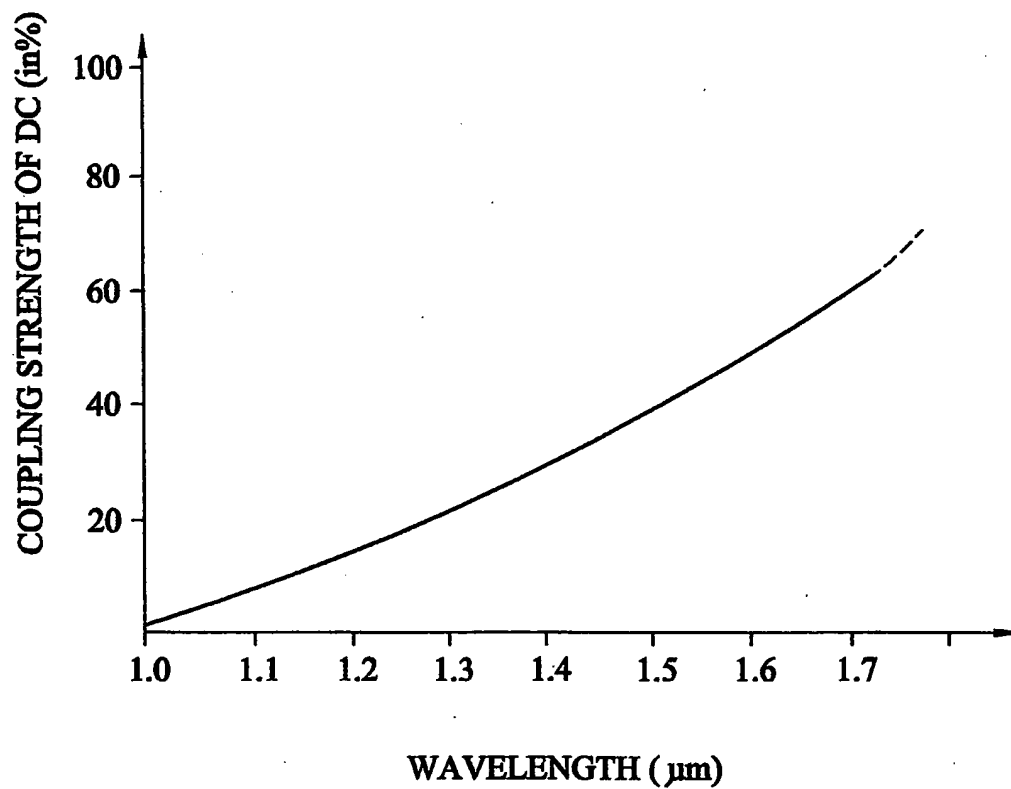
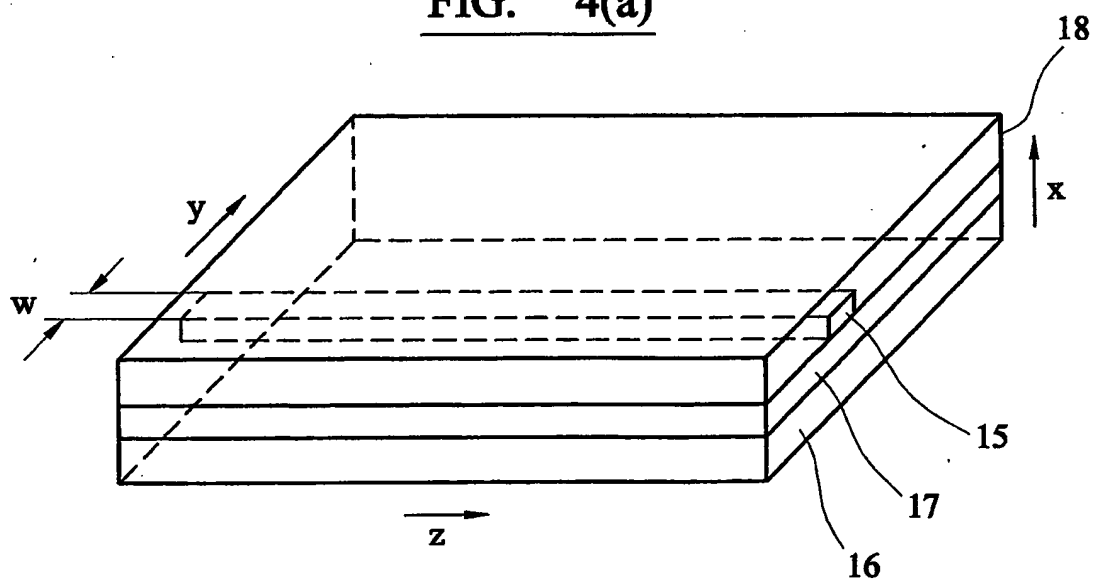
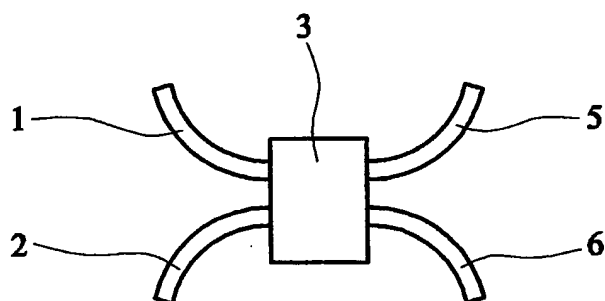
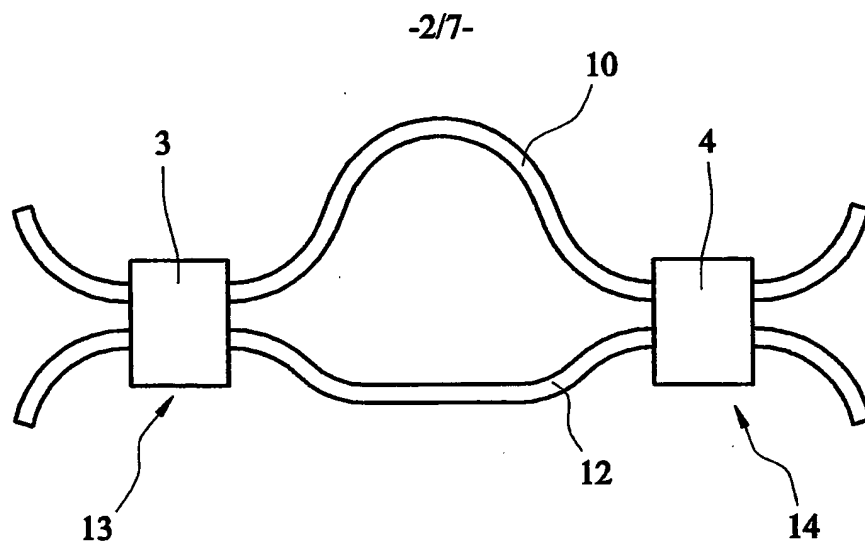
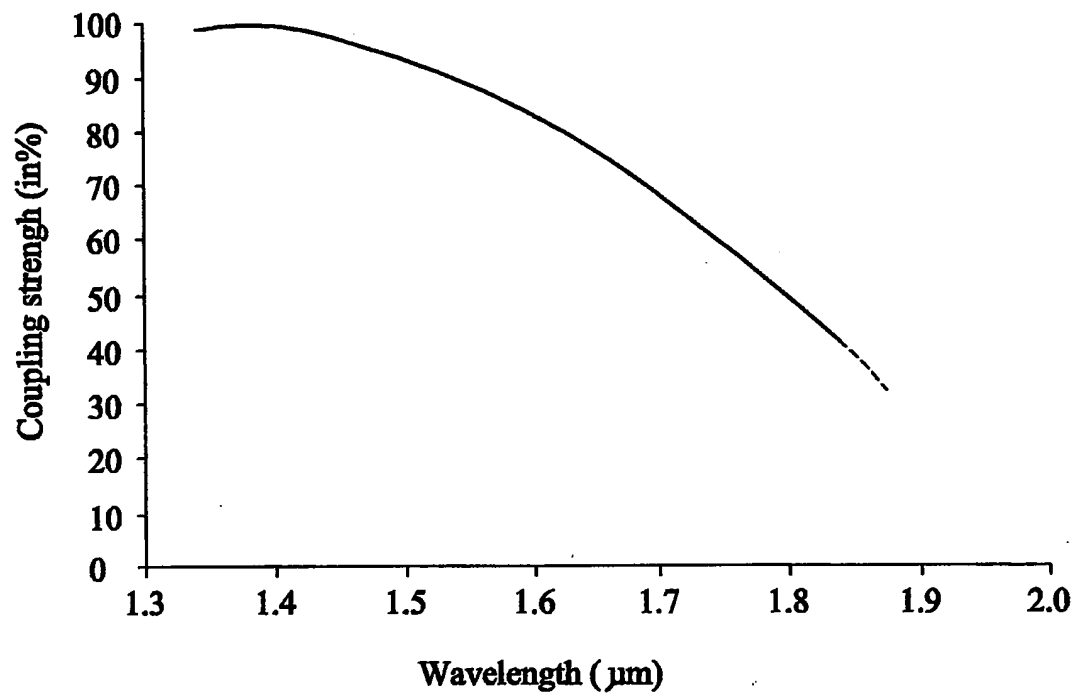
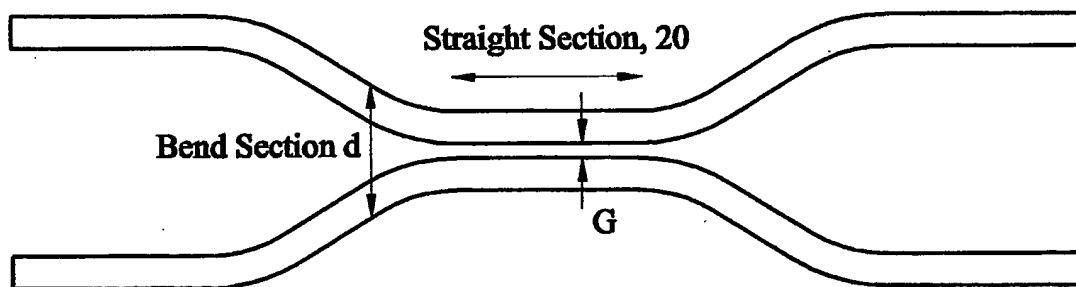


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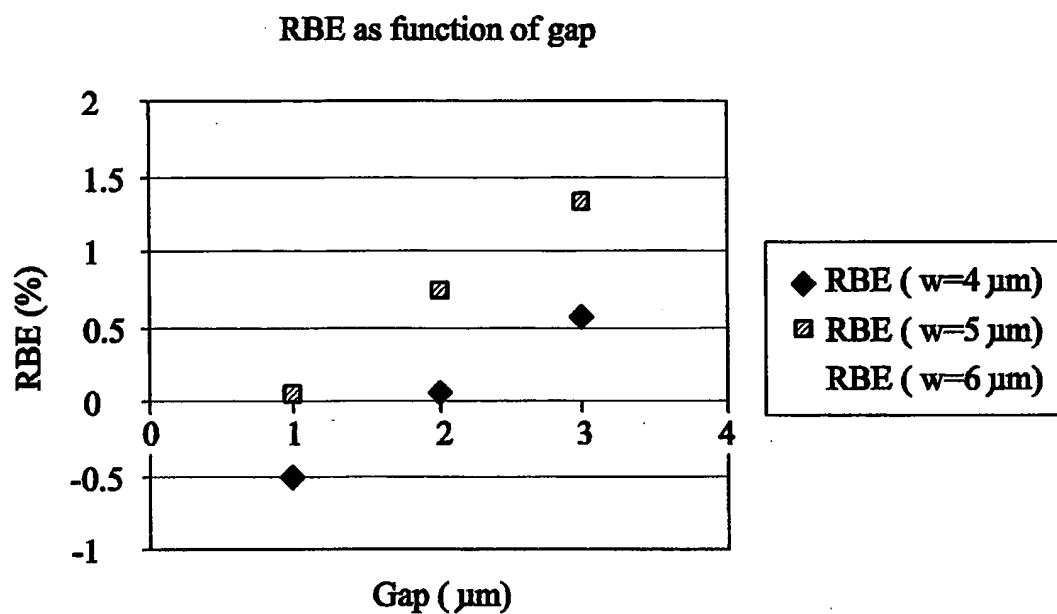
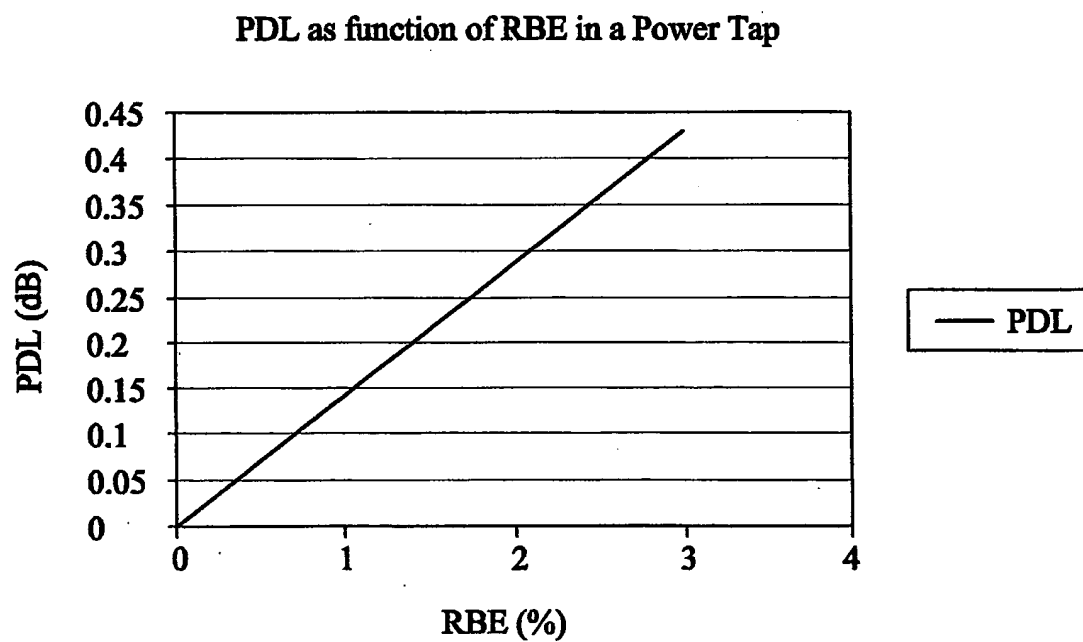
FIG. 1FIG. 2



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FIG. 7FIG. 8

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PDL versus Wavelength for a 4% PINC-TMI Coupler

RBE = 0.4%

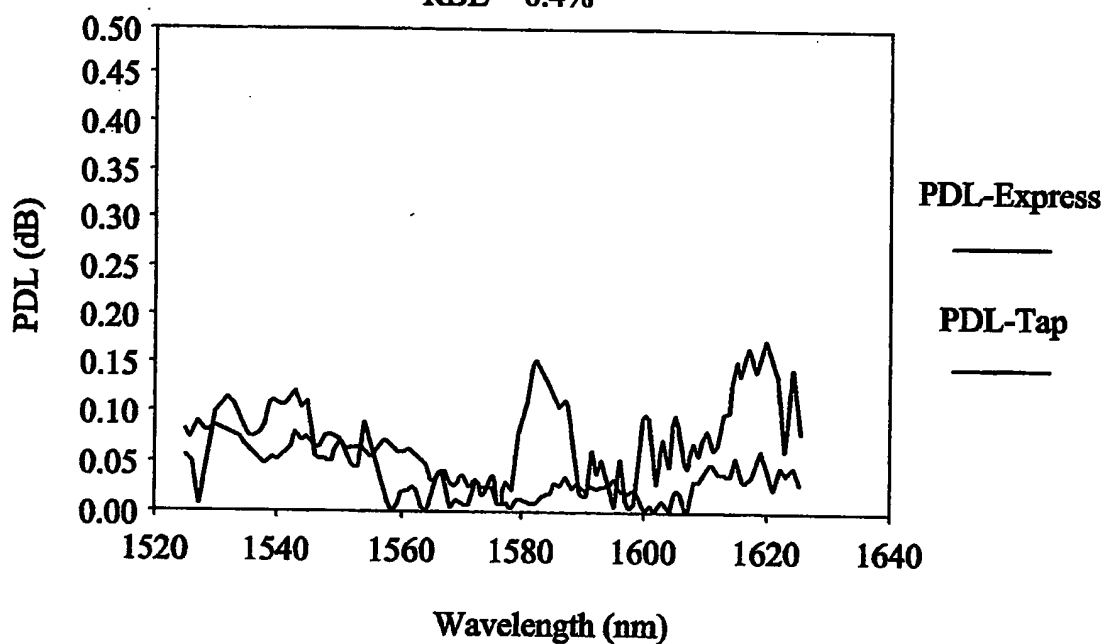


FIG. 9

PDL versus Wavelength for a 4% WINC Coupler

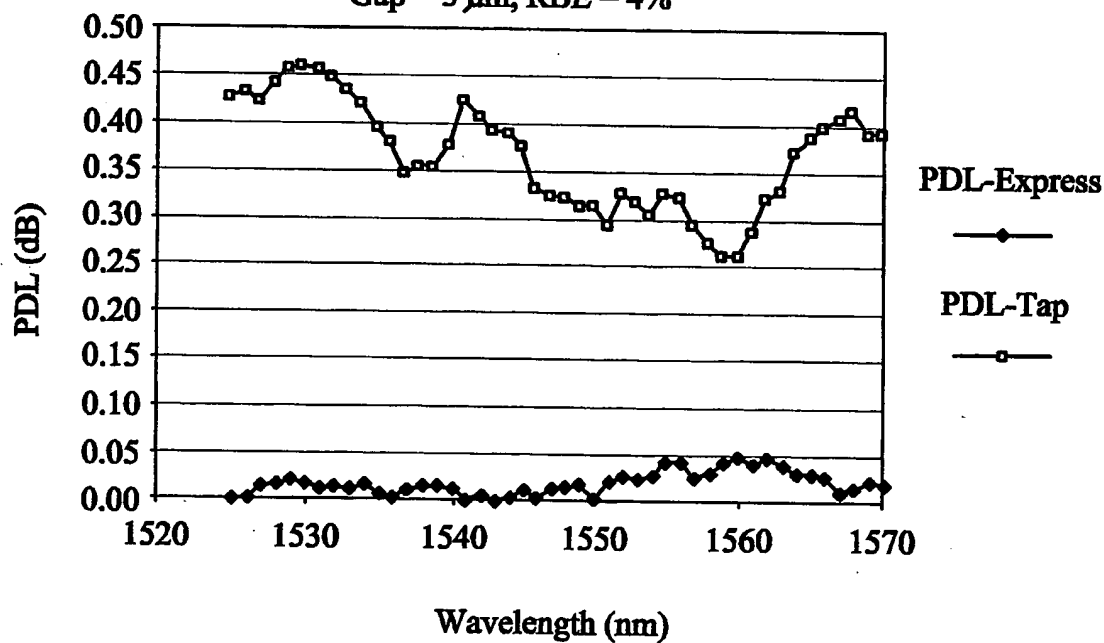
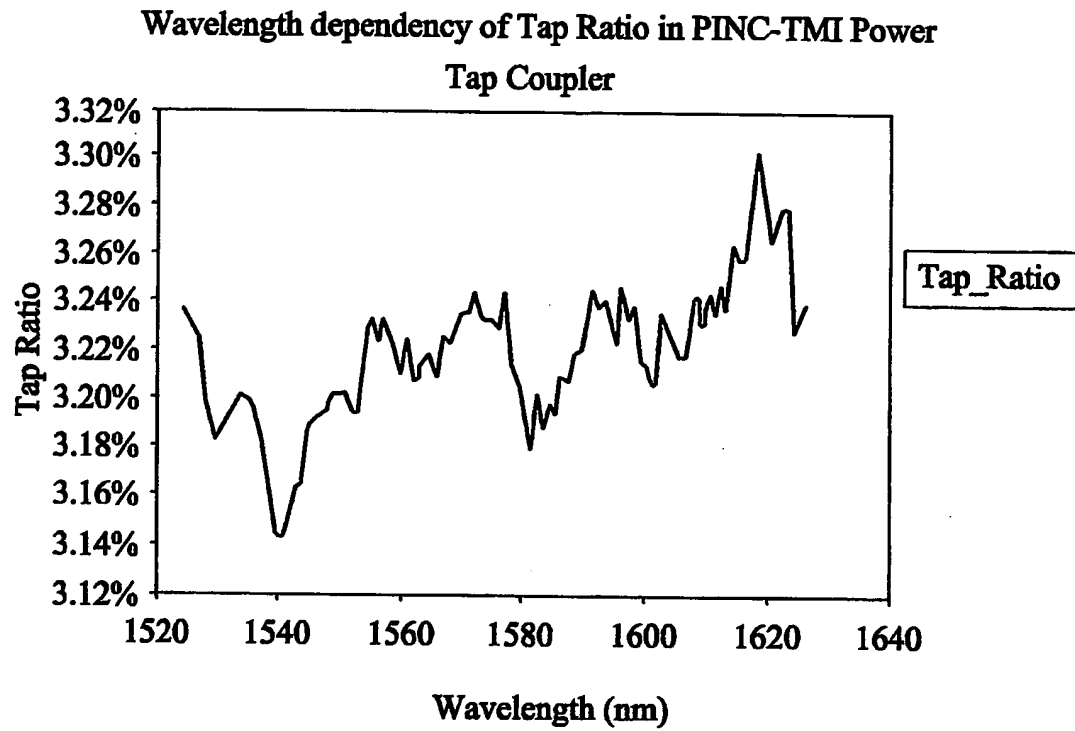
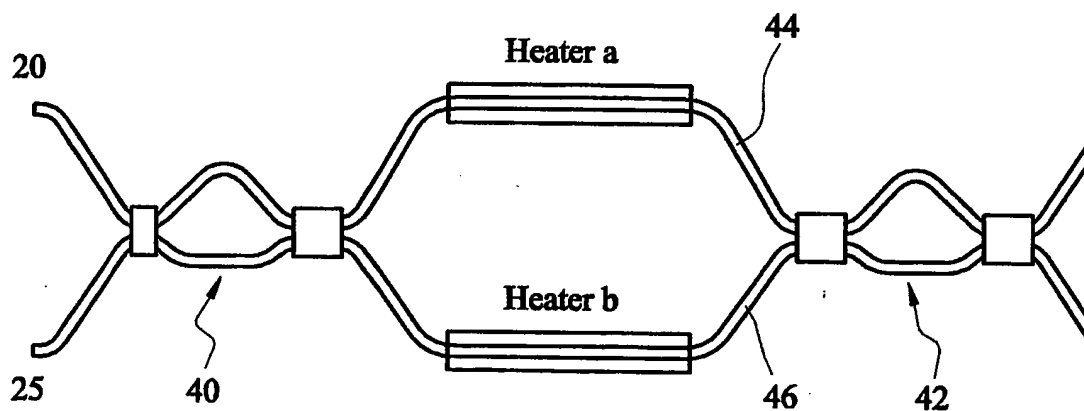
Gap = 3  $\mu$ m, RBE = 4%

FIG. 10

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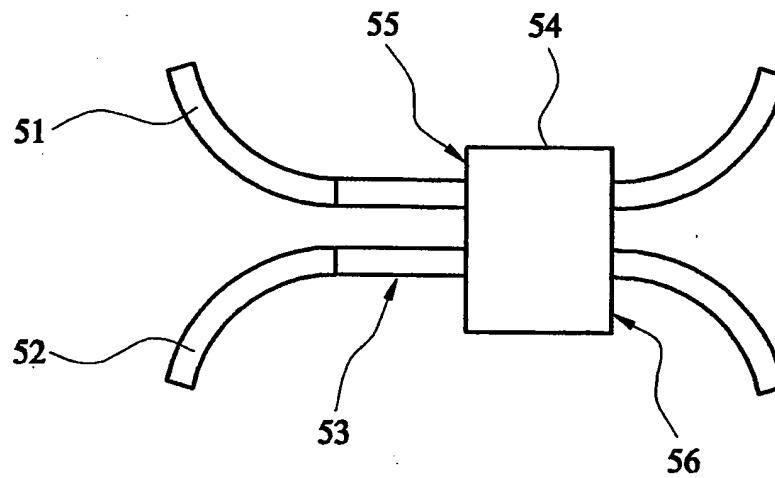
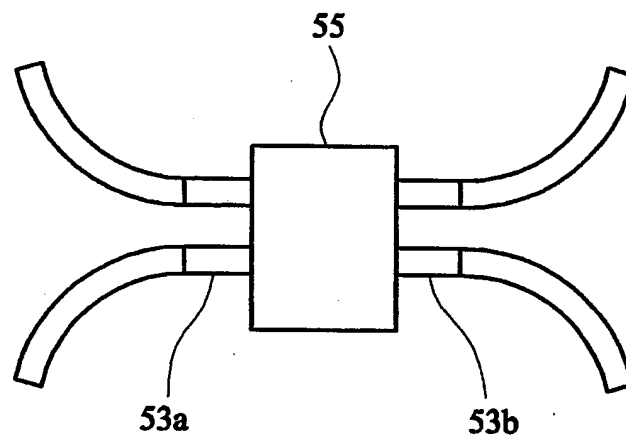
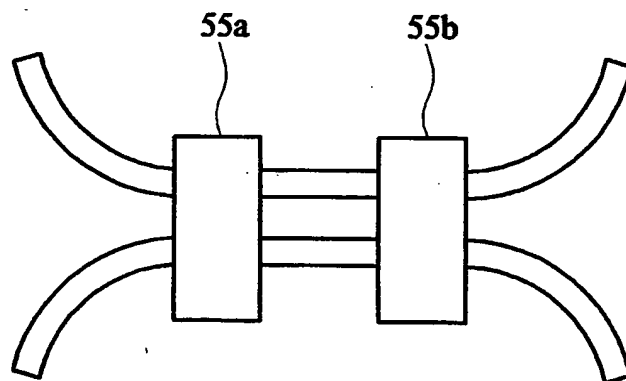


**FIG. 11**



**FIG. 13**

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FIG. 12(a)FIG. 12(b)FIG. 12(c)